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## Democratic Victory.

Tuesday was Democratic day in this country, Wilson and Marshall having been elected by the biggest plurality of any president ever elected. The reports indicate that beyond all doubt the Republicans have carried but three states, Vermont, Utah and Idaho with a total of eleven electoral votes. Roosevelt has Pennsylvania probably Illinois, Kansas and Michigan with 92 electoral votes while Wilson will have over 425 votes in the electoral college.

Kentucky has gone Democratic by over 100,000 votes, C. C. Turner has been elected to the Appellate branch from this district by 8,000 votes. Nine of the eleven Congressmen will be Democratic. Caleb Powers winning in the Eleventh by a small majority and John Langley winning in the Tenth.

Powell county is Democratic by 200. The returns are very satisfactory to us, but we feel sorry for the poor old Republican party.

Dr. M. B. White, V. S., Flemingsburg, is in the city and will be located at Eaton's livery stable for sixty days. His card appears in this issue of the Times. The editor of this paper had him treat a very sick pony Tuesday. He brought him around all right in 24 hours. The pony was in a serious condition and but for the prompt aid of Dr. White would probably have died. From the experience of the Times now we recommend Dr. White to stock owners having sick animals.

## Easy Victory.

The battle is over and the victory is won, but the sweat is taken out to a great extent on account of the ease in which it was won. The majority of Wilson in the electoral college will be greater than was expected by the most enthusiastic supporters of Wilson. Taft is the worst beaten man that ever ran for president as a nominee of a leading party. He has made a good president; has done what he was elected to do, but his own has turned him down and all to appease the whims of one man, who in entering the race against him because a falsifier and a deceiver, but he hoodwinked enough Republican votes to run in second place. He is a shrewd Mr. Taft didn't deserve such a throw down and he has our sympathy.

Now that the election is over let us lay down politics for another year and look after business as we should, and we are sure the change in the administration will be no hamper to our success.

The new roads law says without the county court's order no new road shall be established less than thirty feet wide, and no hill shall be on this road with more than five feet rise to the hundred. This law is good. Why not start now to make the old roads conform to this new law?

Attorney J. M. McDowell, of Beattyville, and Henry Breckinridge, of Lexington, made speech in this city Friday night in the interest of the Democratic ticket.

## The Relation of The Automobile to Roads.

It has been said that "the automobile does not build roads but shows the necessity for roads." Every man who buys a car becomes at once, if he was not before, an advocate of roads and, in this state, must at once contribute to the "State Road Fund" to the extent of his license fee. Section 13 of our automobile laws reads: "All fees collected by the Secretary of State under this act shall be converted by him into the State Treasury for the benefit of the State Road Fund and to be applied and set apart as an addition to that fund."

The 6,000 cars that will be licensed in the state this year will contribute some \$50,000.00 to state road work.

While Kentucky is seventh in improved roads, these roads have, practically, been built in about 20 per cent. of the counties of the state. This leaves 80 per cent. of the counties, with about 60 per cent. of the population, so situated that automobiles are of little service, but each machine brought into one of those counties is a "good roads missionary." A man residing in one of the many counties in the state not blessed with an abundance of roads, purchased a small automobile. This gentleman is so fortunate or unfortunate as you may see it, as to own one of the few remaining toll pikes in the state. For twenty years he has repaired (?) this road by crushing limestone by hand to about the size of a pint cup and allowing the traffic to complete the job. After one trip over the road in his "benzine buggy," it is reported, he took the next train to the city to buy modern road building machinery, a grader, stone crusher, road roller, etc. Therefore, while the "automobile does not build road, it shows the necessity for roads."

## SPOUT SPRING.

Eld. P. N. Taylor will preach at the Baptist church Sunday at eleven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wright, of Vaughn's Mill, visited Mr. and Mrs. Asa Barnett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wiseman, of Clark county, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Wm. Edge has moved to Clay City for an estwhile stay and will later move on to Winchester. Dave White will move to Mr. Edge's property and Asa Snowden to the house vacated by Mr. White.

Elder Albert Easter, of the Christian church, preached a most interesting sermon at the Baptist church Sunday morning. We hope to have Bro. Easter frequently visit us as we always enjoy his splendid sermons.

## Dr. M. B. WHITE, VETERINARY SURGEON.

...Graduate of the...  
Langshire V. S. College, England 1869.

FLEMINGSBURG, KY.

I can now be seen at Eaton's Livery Stable in Clay City for about 2 months where I will be able to treat all kinds of sickness of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs and Dogs.

All examinations and consultations free. Call and see me.

## WILL Move to Winchester.

Hon. John Hardwick of Powell county, purchased Friday from Mrs. Ella Rounsvill a lot on French ave., for a consideration which was not given out, but said to be a pretty good price. The lot adjoins the property of Mr. R. Penn Taylor and the Misses Bright. Mr. Hardwick will erect a handsome brick dwelling and move his family here to reside, which will be received with much pleasure by the many friends of Mrs. Hardwick, who will be remembered as Miss Grigsby, daughter of Mrs. Telitha Grigsby of Boone Avenue.—Winchester Democrat.

## Only One Road to Success.

Young man, there is one thing you cannot do. You cannot make a success in life unless you work. Older men than you have tried it and failed. You cannot loaf around the street corner, smoke, tell stories and sponge on some one else without making a failure of life. You must learn a trade or get into some honest business. If you don't will become a chronic loafer, and there is no place in the world for loafers. The ripe fruit is at the top of the tree and you must climb if you get it or some smart man will pluck it from you. Do something, no matter how small or how low the wages, it will be a starter. Help yourself and others will help you. There is no royal road to success; will, grit and endurance are the qualities that lead to it.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.

Prayer Meetings, Wednesday evenings.

Chas. E. Main, Pastor

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If you have a taste for correct garments, no matter if you want to pay but a small price, remember the stock we handle solves the problem.

## Some Fashionable Clothes For Men of All Ages.

In the ready-to-wear department we have suits to fit all, and garments perfect clothes. We also take measures and furnish suits to order and guarantee fit or no sale.

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Clay City, Ky.

## WALDRON & JOHNSON, Waltersville, Ky.

We carry a full line of General Merchandise and

are selling the goods to our large trade

and they tell us they are

## Saving Money.

You can do the same thing. If you are not already one of our many pleased customers, come round some day and give our place a look through and let us price you some of our goods. They will open your eyes to an opportunity.

## Send Us Your Orders

over telephone, by messenger or otherwise and if you live in Clay City or near our store we will "deliver the goods."

We are showing an Elegant Line of  
**FALL AND WINTER  
GOODS**  
including  
**Cloaks and Wraps** for Women  
and Children  
**Ladies' Suits, Millinery, and etc.**  
**MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING**  
to fit you and your pocketbook.

When you want any kind of Merchandise, think of

## SHIMFESSEL'S

and give us the opportunity to please you as we have been doing for so many years past with satisfaction both to you and ourselves.

Everything to Please the Customer

**FURS**  
AND HIDES  
HIGHEST MARKET PRICE  
PAID FOR RAW FURS  
AND HIDES.  
Wool Combs, etc. Write for  
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ESTABLISHED 1857  
LOUISVILLE, KY.

All examinations and consultations

free. Call and see me.

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## CLUB RATES.

For the convenience of our subscribers, we have arranged club rates with the following papers at prices below mentioned:

The TIMES and	
Courier-Journal	\$1.00
" Cincinnati Enquirer	1.10
" Louisville Herald	90
" Home and Farm	75
" Ireland Farmer	1.00
" American Farmer	90
" Southern Agriculturist	75

One of the most hopeful signs of the time has developed in this campaign. Heretofore a presidential campaign has had the effect of checking the progress of business and holding the industries to some extent at a standstill. The presidential campaign that was just closed has been a notable exception to this rule. It seems that the American people have at last made up their minds that "business" can thrive and prosper during a presidential contest as well as at any other time, as the past year has been one of very unusual prosperity.

Washington was greatly shocked at the untimely death of the Vice-president of the United States, Honorable James S. Sherman which occurred Oct. 30. "Sonnie Jim" as he was familiarly known to the Washingtonians was a very popular figure at the Capitol and was always a "jolly good fellow", and was much liked in political circles. He was one of the ablest and most determined supporters of Uncle Joe Cannon when that gentleman was the "czar" and speaker of the House.

We saw a man last Friday who formerly was charged of carrying considerable liquor into local option, Estill county, from Clay City. He had his saddle pockets and was inquiring a near road to Virden. Upon inquiring we learned that it is reported that liquor is being sold somewhere in the vicinity of Virden. We hope this is not true still the authorities should investigate the report and if true they should be vigorously prosecuted.

By listening to some people talk it is easy to learn what other people should do. It sounds better to us for the leader to say, "come on boys" instead of "go on boys". The leader of any enterprise should be the heaviest contributor.

Long live William J. Bryan the patriot-the statesman-the incorruptible-to drive the "money changers" out of the "Temple" of Democracy as he did at Baltimore like the Nazarene 1900 years ago.

Mr. Perkins does not lose his temper as picturesquely as Col. Roosevelt does. But he does very well for a man of comparatively limited experience in that branch of political art.

Senator LaFollette refused to vote for either Taft, Roosevelt or Wilson. Does this mean that the party is about to be

Well, we feel better today than we did four years ago. Knowing as we do how badly one feels under defeat, the editor has no tantalizing words for our good Republican friends. Their defeat being so much greater than we ever experienced, we judge they are miserable and they have our sincerest condolence.

After all this investigation some anxiety arises as to who will have the courage to produce campaign funds for 1916.

The 4th of March is coming to be regarded with favor as a date for regeneration as well as inauguration.

Four years of honest Government equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

A woman seldom shows her age until she tries to hide it.

Four years of prosperity and Democracy, and then some.

### Flagged Train With Shirt.

Searing his shirt from his back an Ohio man flagged a train and saved it from a wreck, but H. T. Alston, Raleigh, N. C., once prevented a wreck with Electric Bitters. "I was in a terrible plight when I began to use them," he writes, "my stomach, head, back and kidneys were all badly affected and my liver was in bad condition, but four bottles of Electric Bitters made me feel like a new man." A trial will convince you of their matchless merit for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Price 50 cents at all dealers.

## Lexington and Eastern Railway Company.

### WESTERN DIVISION.

No. 2. Daily P. M.	East Bound	No. 4. Daily A. M.
1:35	Lexington, Ky.	7:20
2:17	Winchester, " "	8:08
2:35	L. & E. Junct. " "	8:18
3:05	Clay City, " "	8:30
3:47	Campbell Junct. " "	9:27
4:04	Torrent, " "	9:44
4:25	B'ntville Junct. " "	10:04
4:52	Athol, " "	10:30
5:19	O. & K. Junct. " "	10:57
5:25	Jackson, " "	11:05
	Quicksand, " "	11:25

No. 1. Daily A. M.	West Bound	No. 3. Daily P. M.
	Quicksand, Ky.	1:25
5:05	Jackson, " "	1:50
5:10	O. & K. Junct. " "	1:57
5:35	Athol, " "	2:22
6:03	B'ntville Junct. " "	2:51
6:25	Torrent, " "	3:12
6:48	Campbell Junct. " "	8:30
7:10	Clay City, " "	4:06
7:51	L. & E. Junct. " "	4:37
8:05	Winchester, " "	4:50
8:30	Lexington, " "	5:35

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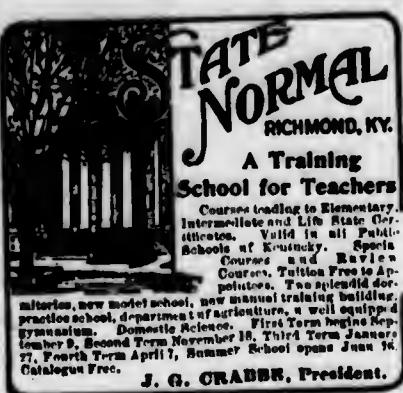
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No. 10. DAILY Ex. Sun.	No. 9. DAILY Ex. Sun.
11:00 a. m. Jackson, Ky.	12:40 p. m.
12:12 p. m. Haddix, " "	12:12 "
12:50 " Whick, " "	11:40 a. m.
1:50 " Krypton, " "	10:40 "
3:10 " Hazard, " "	9:25 "
6:30 " Whitesburg, " "	6:30 "

### CONNECTIONS.

Lexington: Train No. 1 will make connection with the L & N. at Lexington for Louisville, Ky. Train No. 3 will make connection with L. & N. at Winchester for Cincinnati, O. Campion Junct. Trains Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 will make connection with Mountain Central Ry. to and from Campion. Beattyville Junct. Trains Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will make connection with the L. & A. Railway for Beattyville, Ky. O. & K. Junct. Trains No. 3 daily and No. 4 daily except Sun. will make connection with the Ohio & Kentucky Ry. for Cannel City and O. & K. stations.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was considered to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred

dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—Adv.



## DON'T BE FRIGHTENED.

Winter is about here, but you can buy carefully and be comfortable and happy. We provide necessities that make comfort. There's no doubt of the good things we sell and we believe you will appreciate what we furnish and the prices we make on the articles named.

**Men's Suits, Over Coats, Rain Coats, Boys' Suits and Pants, and Overcoat, Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Suits, Cloaks and Skirts, Misses' Cloaks, —Suits and Skirts.—**

### Underwear for the Whole Family.

SHOES IN ALL LEATHERS AND BEST STYLES.

These are only a few of the many good things to be found at our two stores where full lines of every thing the housekeeper needs will always be found in Dry Goods and Groceries.

**MRS. J. W. WILLIAMS,**  
**CLAY CITY, KENTUCKY.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE.

We take this method of further extending an invitation to the buying public to come to our store and get their supplies. For several weeks we have been supplying many customers in this vicinity with what they need at a great saving of money. Now that we are started, we want to extend our trade still further. Our one great appeal for your trade is

### Low Prices

on what you must have

to eat and wear. We are going to give you our price on four staple articles to just show you how we can save you money:

Best Patent Flour Made, \$3.10 per cwt.  
Granulated Sugar, - - 6 cts. per lb.  
Meat and Lard, - - 13 " "  
Lard in 50 pound cans, \$5.75.

These are only fair samples of other prices. Everything in the house is sold at the same low price. Give us a trial.

**H. G. CRABTREE & COMPANY.**

## USE HOPE MILLS FLOUR



### IT RISES AWAY ABOVE

all other brands of flour with the housewife who loves good homemade bread when she uses the PEARL flour. Its uniform quality and excellence never disappoints her. It is the best all around flour on the market and gives your bread that tempting and delicious flavor that always delights the lover of good bread when you use the PEARL flour.

Made by J. ANDREW CAIN, Versailles, Ky.

# THE TIMES.

A HOME-MADE PAPER.

THURSDAY, NOV. 7, 1912

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Joel Gravett has moved back to Clark county.

Mrs. Grigg, of Alabama, visited her brother, W. T. McGuire, last week.

Miss Mary White, of Winchester, visited relatives in the city over Sunday.

H. D. Curry, of Nicholas county, was here Tuesday to cast his vote for the Democratic ticket. Mr. Curry never fails to do his duty.

Mrs. W. T. McGuire stepped on a nail which nearly ran thru her foot one day last week and the accident is giving her some trouble.

The turkey crop in some counties is very short while in this county it is better than for years. We notice some sales in other counties at 11 cents per pound on foot.

A Menefee county man has been arrested for taking his baby to Mt. Sterling and deserting it by leaving it in the hands of negroes. The full penalty of the law is too easy for such unnatural parent.

Through negotiations consummated Monday the Fayette Home Telephone Company takes over the plant and exchanges of the East Tennessee Telephone Company in Lexington, long-distance toll lines excepted.

A religious meeting in Dallas, Texas, so affected a man giving the name G. H. Rose that he went to the county jail and made a confession of three crimes, one of which was the killing of W. H. Morris in Covington, Ky., 24 years ago.

An extension division crew of the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment station are holding Agricultural schools in the Big Sandy countie. This line of instruction will be carried to all parts of the state as quickly as arrangements can be made to do so.

**A Great Building Falls**  
when its foundation is undermined and if the foundation of health—good digestion—is attacked, quick collapse follows. On the first signs of indigestion, Dr. King's New Life Pills should be taken to tone the stomach and regulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Pleasant, easy, safe, and only 25c at all dealers. —Adv.

### A Letter from Texas.

We are in receipt of a letter from Judge T. J. Fletcher who recently moved to Miami, Texas. The Judge and family are well satisfied and speak of their new home in glowing terms. He has bought property in the city and thinks never of returning to Kentucky to live. He says they have a \$35,000 school building with eight teachers and will build a \$3,800 court house soon.

### Stop that Ache!

Any ache or pain in any part of the body can be relieved with Shipp's Quick Relief Liniment. \$100 reward if it fails and the purchase price is not refunded. Try it and see. 50c At All Druggists.

The time table of the new L. & E. train from Jackson to Whitesburg appears in this issue of the Times. Consult it when you desire to travel eastward.

Elmer Powell Rose, the seven months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rose died at their home in this city Thursday, October 31st, of Stomach trouble. Burial Saturday at the Eaton graveyard.

Editor J. L. Carpenter, of the Estill Herald has been appointed postmaster at Irvine. We are always glad to learn of any thing good coming in the way of our brother newspaper men, and therefore congratulate Editor Carpenter upon his success in landing this plum.

### Porto Rico's New Wonder.

From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marchan, of Barceloneta, writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 20 others who used it on my advice. We hope this great medicine will yet be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico." For throat and lung troubles it has no equal. A trial will convince you of its merit. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all dealers.—Adv.

### \$100 Reward!

Will be paid to any person having any kind of pain or ache if Shipp's Quick Relief Liniment fails to give instant relief and the purchase price is not refunded. Try it and see. 50c At All Druggists.

## THE OLD SHOE.

Some people wear an old shoe a long time just because it's easy on the foot. WE furnish a shoe that

Fits like an old one,  
Looks like a new one,  
Wears like a good one,  
and is fashionable too.

This is the season when it is dangerous to continue to wear the old shoe. It may cause sickness.

**MRS.**  
**J. W. WILLIAMS**  
CLAY CITY, KY.

### New Resident.

E. R. W. Cox, of Beattyville, has moved into the house with his step son, H. G. Craibtree. Mr. Cox is a valuable citizen whom we extend the glad hand of welcome. He will buy property in the city and occupy it soon as he can find something for sale that suits him.

### Only A Fine Hero

but the crowd cheered, as, with burned hands, he held up a small round box. "Fellows!" he shouted, "this Bucklen's Arnica Salve I hold, has everything beat for burns." Right! also for boils, ulcers, sores, pimples, eczema, cuts, sprains, bruises. Surest pile cure. It subdues inflammation, kills pain. Only 25c at all dealers.—Adv.

## TREES!

### Fruit and Ornamental

Shrubs, Asparagus, Rhubarb, Peonies, Roses, Phlox, etc.

NO AGENTS  
GROWERS OF WHAT WE SELL.  
FREE CATALOG

H. F. Hillenmeyer & Sons,  
Lexington, Ky.

Millikan Business School,  
LEXINGTON, KY.

BOOKKEEPING, SHORTHAND,  
TYPEWRITING.

This school has turned out hundreds of men and women who are successes. It will make a success of you.

Write for Catalogue.

### SHIPP'S QUICK-RELIEF LINIMENT.

This is the liniment the people are talking about.

It is the most wonderful remedy for relieving pain I have ever used.—Capt. Anderson Berry, Lexington, Ky.

I used this liniment and the pain and soreness disappeared like magic.—Jailer W. T. Ballenger, Lexington, Ky.

For relieving aches and pains this liniment beats anything I ever saw.—J. H. Letton, Lexington, Ky.

It is the only remedy I have found that has given me any relief since I was paralyzed four years ago.—Mrs. Susan Welborn, Newburg, Ind.

If it fails to relieve any pain in any part of the body in fifteen minutes, ask for your money back.

SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$100,000  
SURPLUS AND UN-DIVIDED PROFITS, 200,000

THE  
WINCHESTER BANK.  
OF WINCHESTER, KY.

N. HOLLY WITHERSPOON, PRES.  
W. R. SPAR, CASHIER.

YOUR ACCOUNTS SOLICITED

**MONEY IN TRAPPING FURS**  
We tell you how, and pay best market prices. We are dealers, established in 1847 and can do best for you than agents of several dozen merchants. Get in touch with us in Louisville. Write for our list price list.  
M. SABEL & SONS  
227-231 & 32 E. Market St., LOUISVILLE, KY.  
Dealers in Furs, Hides, Wool.

## NATURE'S LAWS.

Nature's laws are perfect if only we obey them, but disease follows disobedience. Go straight to Nature for the cure, to the forest; there are mysteries there, some of which we can fathom for you. Take the bark of the Wild-cherry tree, with mandrake root, Oregon grape root, stone root, queen's root, bloodroot and golden seal root, make a scientific, glyceric extract of them, with just the right proportions, and you have

### DOCTOR PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

It took Dr. Pierce, with the assistance of two learned chemists and pharmacists, many months of hard work experimenting to perfect this vegetable alterative and tonic extract of the greatest efficiency.



Mr. C. W. PAWLEY, of Millville, Calif., writes: "I wish to tell you that I have used your 'Golden Medical Discovery' in my family for twenty years. We have had a doctor called in but once during that time. I have a family of ten children, all well and hearty, for which, you must, extent, we owe thanks to you and your 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Pellets,' which we use when sick."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules.

When in Need of

## Builder's Hardware,

Cabinet Mantles, Grates, Tiles,

Cooking or Heating Stoves,

Go to or Write

## Grubbs & Benton,

Cor. Main and Broadway,

Winchester, Ky.

## Fall and Winter

## Goods.

## Hardwick & Co.

Our Fall and Winter Goods are in. We cordially invite you to call and see them. We will make it to your interest to do your dealing with us, by giving you more for your money than you can get elsewhere. And besides, think we have every thing you want. We can not mention here everything that we handle, but want to call your attention to the following lines, that we are anxious for you to get acquainted with. Hart, Schaffner and Marx Clothing for Men, also Haert brand Clothing. "Queen Quality" and "Boston Favorite" Shoes for Women, "Walk-Over" Shoes for Men, "Astor" brand Hats for Men and Boys. See our goods and get our price when in need of Women's, Misses' and Children's ready-to-wear Hats, Coats, Raincoats and etc., Men's Raincoats, Hunting Coats, leather and rubber Foot Wear, Staple and Dress Caps, Trousers, and etc. In fact see us for any thing you need, and let us show you that we can save you money.

## Hardwick & Co., Stanton.

# MILLIONS

## Can Be Saved To Kentucky

### By The Appointment Of Adequate Counsel!

#### Justus Goebel Makes Strong Appeal for Protection To People's Interests

#### In Open Letter He Asks That Lawyers Known To Be Loyal To the Cause Of the People and Free From Corporation Taint be Employed In the Suits Against Tax-Dodging Corporations

##### OPEN LETTER.

Frankfort and Covington, Ky., October 31st, 1912.

To His Excellency, Governor James B. McCreary; to all Administrative and Legislative officers of the State and to all citizens of the Commonwealth who are interested in equal and uniform taxation:

"Tell my friends to be brave and fearless and loyal to the great common people."

"Their last words of my assassinated brother, William Goebel, have a sacred significance to me and when in September, 1900, I again commenced to take an active interest in our State's affairs, it was not to gain political favor, for there is no office I would have; but it was with hope and confidence that my work would, during the administration of the present state officers, open up an opportunity for Kentucky to take up William Goebel's work where the assassin's bullet had interrupted it, and in that event every department of our government would give thereto by voice and action most positive, vigorous and loyal support.

##### Relief Must Come.

Necessity for action in the interest of the people has grown as years have passed until it has developed into what is to-day a crying shame and from which relief must come.

"Too long, altogether too long, has there been unjust discrimination against the people, unjust and burdensome taxation upon the people, as compared with what has been required to be paid by the big corporations of our State. Corporation lawyers have constantly sold the death of William Goebel as a benefit to the corporations. If this was true, the question is, how much longer shall the people be held in bondage because of his death?

"God knows the corporations now using the State have been able to procure (and the word procure is used deliberately) immunity long enough from paying their just share of the taxes. A hundred million dollar increase in the value of corporation property the recent opens a new era in the assessors' offices, and has awakened the people, and brought them to a realization of what has been done to them, and there will be a further awakening, with will correct abuses equally as great as unequal taxation. A true awakening of the people has come, and here comes every man who would be a citizen must be a progressive, and no legislation will satisfy them; they must sweep aside and into oblivion all such as any man who hesitates to stand in the way of betterment or enrichment and improvement in every way for the whole people.

##### Gross Undervaluation.

No one doubts, had William Goebel been permitted to live, that which was done last month by the Board of Valuation and Assessment would have been done more than a decade ago, and today, instead of the large corporations fighting in the courts and before the legislature, endeavoring to



JUSTUS GOEBEL.

GOV. J. B. McCREARY.

Kentucky Delegates From State at Large to DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, BALTIMORE, JUNE, 1912.

tion, to throttle the action of this State Taxing Board, the first to act fully in the interest of the people, they would long ago have been paying into the State, county and city treasuries their just proportion of taxes.

It is very evident that in Kentucky, as in other States, big corporations will never pay a cent more of taxes than they are made to pay.

Take the case of the C. & O. R. R. in 1911 this road, on its entire system in Kentucky, paid taxes on a total valuation of only \$9,313,270, whereas the street railway company of the city of Louisville was made to pay on a valuation of \$10,800,000. The C. & O. R. R. in 1901 paid taxes on a franchise valuation of only \$2,171,189, and in 1911 on a valuation of only \$2,743,

550, whereas the Board found their 1912 assessment should be \$18,798,630. The C. & O. R. R. in 1901 paid taxes on a franchise valuation of only \$3,119,197, and in 1911 on a valuation of only \$3,559,320, whereas the Board found their 1912 assessment should be \$10,674,200. The L. C. in 1901 paid taxes on a franchise valuation of only \$1,989,870, and in 1911 on a valuation of only \$4,510,320, whereas the Board found their 1912 assessment should be \$14,546,857. The L. & N. R. R. in 1901 paid taxes on a franchise valuation of only \$6,504,379, and in 1911 on a valuation of only \$11,899,200, whereas the Board found their 1912 assessment should be \$16,428,074.

The Covington companies in the past paid as little, proportionately, as did most of the above mentioned companies, and without exception all these companies and the two others suing wanted the same assessments for 1912 that they had in 1911. The Board of Valuation and Assessment based their 1912 assessments on convincing proof of values placed before them, and the assessments are uniformly just and fair, and of the more than four hundred corporations assessed, only seven have protested in the courts, and these are among those that have always proportionately paid the least.

In the last twelve years the State, counties and cities have been robbed, and the world robbed is the only world that fits the case, of more than ten million dollars in taxes.

In the years from 1902 to 1911, inclusive, a period of ten years, there has been an average increase in the franchise assessments of the four largest railroads of the State of only 14 per cent yearly, and this almost unbelievable record of astonishingly small increases was made in the ten best years for earnings that the railroads of this country ever saw.

The picture here presented of the previous inadequate franchise assessments is astounding, but when one examines into the situation regarding the tangible assessments made by Railroad Commissions of the properties of six of the corporations now suing the State, the word "astounding" is inadequate and must be here supplanted by the word "dismal" and to state more correctly what the tangible assessment picture actually presents.

##### Work is Delayed a Decade.

Take the case of the C. & O. R. R. and the records show that the tangible property of this company in 1892, twenty years ago, was assessed at \$8,019,577. In 1911 notwithstanding the extensions made in mileage of road, double tracking of a vast system, acquiring much new real estate and probably more than doubling their equipment of engines and cars this company's tangible property was assessed at only \$6,270,270, or 21% per cent less than in 1892, twenty years ago.

Without detracting one iota from

the splendid ability and known loyalty to the state's interests possessed by the attorney general, James Garnett, and his three assistants, the commonwealth's legal force, as compared with that of the corporations, must seem inadequate, indeed; and when it is taken into consideration that the attorney general's office has a multitude of cases and matters of state to fully employ their attention, and that the present situation comes in the nature of an emergency unforeseen and unprecedented in the state's history, the urgent necessity for the employment of other able lawyers as a supportive force to the attorney general becomes quite apparent.

Ability, known loyalty to the cause and assured freedom from corporation control should be the gauge to govern in the selection of attorneys to assist in the defense of the state's interests

##### Justus Goebel's Interest.

My interest in the work just completed by the board was, and is, different from, and greater than, that of any man in Kentucky or elsewhere— even though he may have been connected with the work. Love of my state and love for and memory of my assassinated brother, whose brain-work constructed and whose blood strained the statutes which made it possible to do what the Board of Valuation and Assessment has just completed, have compelled of me the service I have rendered in the matter, and, without official duty resting on me, I have given untiringly and almost constantly more than five months of time, energy and study to these assessments in the interest of the state and its people, to the exclusion of every other interest—business and personal.

Therefore, with such an interest and with the knowledge that I have gained through my labors, I feel that I am qualified, amply qualified, to make an appeal, in the name of the 400,000 taxpayers of the state who furnish seven-eights of the revenue for the state's government, and who for many years have withheld the burden of unequal taxation, to the administrative and legislative officers of the state to support the governor with unlimited means for the necessary defense of the people's interest and cases.

There are men who have said in places that in the employment of Attorney John L. Rich the state had gone far enough, but to such men I would say, "Is your only interest the welfare of the people, and have you proved that there is no other interest that is greater with you than the people's interest?"

##### Every Citizen Interested.

We have been, and are, dealing in this with a matter which is vital to, and affects the comforts of every home, no matter how humble, and the pocketbook of every taxpayer in the commonwealth, be he laborer, mechanic, farmer, merchant or of any other rank or station. All have their interest in what we have been fighting for—more nearly equal taxation and relief from corporation oppression.

The question is, shall the cause of our taxpayers be defended at the bar of justice by an array of counsel of the correct standard and in keeping with the greatness and importance of these cases, which involve, not only \$1,205,785 this year, but millions upon millions in years to come, and if the assessments are upheld, mean to this generation and generations yet unborn in Kentucky, lesser tax to pay, and to

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